

April 4, 2022

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on the above date at 9:00 a.m. in the third-floor conference room of the Mahaska County courthouse. Present were the following board members: Chairman - Mark Groenendyk; Vice chairman – Steve Wanders; and Member – Chuck Webb. Also present were Darin Hite; Joe Lancello, KBOE; John Bandstra; Dave Sedivec, Conservation Director; Paul Greufe; Mike Rodwell; Tom Flaherty, Economic Director; Russ Van Renterghem, Sheriff; via phone, Andrew Ritland, County Attorney; Connie Van Polen, County Treasurer; Roger Shindell; Stephanie Lathrop and Jody Van Patten, Deputy Auditor. This meeting was live streamed by Communications Research Institute of William Penn University. Meeting was opened with a moment of silence.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the agenda for today’s meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public comments: Conservation Director Dave Sedivec addressed the board regarding comments from the March 28, 2022, board meeting concerning reasoning as to why the Environmental Learning Center isn’t open to the public.

Roger Shindell and Stephanie Lathrop presented the quarterly review of HIPPA compliance for the county.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve the bills for March in total \$1,061,712.68. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the minutes for March 21st, 23rd, and 28th. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to remove Larry Septer from the Sheriff’s Dept payroll effective April 23, 2022, and to add Michele Floen to the Sheriff’s Dept payroll effective March 29, 2022, as a part time jailer at the rate of \$13.00 per hour. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve 28E for police protection between the City of Eddyville and Sheriff’s Office for 31 hours per month in FY 22-23. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve Resolution 2022-14 approving and authorizing an application to be submitted for RPA 15 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program for improvements to County Route G29 from HWY 63 East to Oxford Ave. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-14

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED FOR RPA 15 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

FOR IMPOROVEMENTS TO COUNTY ROUTE G29 FROM HIGHWAY 63 EAST TO OXFORD AVENUE IN MAHASKA COUNTY, IOWA.

WHEREAS: The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors desires to maintain a quality road system; and

WHEREAS: Certain roads in the county road system are eligible for improvements under the RPA Surface Transportation Block Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors hereby approves an application to be submitted to Area 15 Regional Planning Commission for Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds in order to make improvements to a portion of the following road:

County road G29, from Highway 63 East to Oxford Ave, approximately 4.44 miles, in Mahaska County, Iowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors does commit to providing other funds for the proposed project as required.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of April 2022.

Mahaska County Board of Supervisors:

Mark Groenendyk, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jody Van Patten, Mahaska County Deputy Auditor

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve and authorize signature on DOT five-year construction program. All present vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Groenendyk seconded by Webb to appoint Tom Flaherty to the Pella Planning and Zoning Commission. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to approve Resolution 2022-15 regarding General Services. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #2022-15

Whereas, the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors has received a request by the General Assistance Director, Kim Newendorp, to convert her full-time position into part time,

Whereas, Kim Newendorp has agreed the part time position should be paid at an hourly rate of \$19.23 with a weekly schedule of 20 hours or less,

Whereas, consistent with the Mahaska County Employee Handbook a part time position would not be eligible for health insurance, dental insurance, group life insurance, paid vacation, paid holidays, sick leave, bereavement leave, or other benefits as outline in the employee handbook,

Whereas, the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors believes the request is in the best interests of the county,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED by the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors that effective on this date, the following:

1. The position of General Assistance Director shall be converted into part time with an hourly rate of \$19.23 not to exceed 20 hours per week,
2. Kim Newendorp shall be paid her accrued vacation and comp time of 391.13 hours at her current rate of pay \$18.83 an hour for a total of \$7,364.98,
3. Consistent with the Mahaska County Employment Handbook, the part time position will not be eligible for health insurance, dental insurance, group life insurance, paid vacation, paid holidays, sick leave, bereavement leave, or other benefits as of this date,
4. Health and dental insurance for Kim Newendorp will terminate on April 30, 2022 at which time she may elect to continue medical coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) if she otherwise qualifies,
5. Nothing in this resolution shall be construed as creating a contractual relationship and employment shall remain at-will.

Attest: Mahaska Co Auditor

Mahaska Co Board Chairman

It was the consensus of the board to accept the language of the 28E agreement as written with Mahaska County Solid Waste.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to move into closed session with counsel per Iowa Code 21.9. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to return to open session. (10:57 a.m.) All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to adjourn. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Attest:

Jody Van Patten
Mahaska Co. Deputy Auditor

Mark Groenendyk
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors